

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-12, and 14. Please add new Claims 16-19.

1. (Currently Amended) A stripping device for use with a cutting tool with a cutting element for machining a workpiece, the stripping device comprising:

at least one fastening piece for fastening it the stripping device to the cutting tool[[],];

a spring-elastic element arranged outside the workpiece contact region[[],];

a stripping element which comes into contact with the workpiece and surrounds the cutting element, wherein the stripping element has a non-circular cross-section; and

at least one guide element configured to guide guiding the stripping element is provided, wherein the guide element comprises a hole or opening with a cross-section substantially similar to that of the stripping element, wherein a device configured to essentially prevent the stripping element is essentially prevented from rotating is provided, the device for securing against rotation having a pairing, formed asymmetrically at least in one direction, of stripping element and a hole or an opening in the guide element in which to fit the stripping element so as to ensure that the stripping element will be installed with a unique orientation.

2. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the device for securing against rotation comprises a stripping element with has a an irregular cross-sectional shape with no rotational symmetry.

3. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the device for securing against rotation guide element comprises an elongated hole or polygonal hole in the guide element.

4. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein an elongated hole having the stripping element has a cross-sectional shape with three straight sides and one curved side and a correspondingly designed stripping element are provided.

5. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the guide element comprises at least one guide sleeve is arranged as a guide element outside the stripping element, at least partially surrounding the latter stripping element in a guiding manner, and/or at

~~least one guide bushing is arranged as a guide element within the stripping element, guiding the latter.~~

6. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 5, wherein instead of the device for securing against rotation in the form of a pairing, formed asymmetrically in at least one direction, of stripping element and hole or opening in the guide element, two fitting shoulder screws are provided for fastening to the cutting tool, and a region of the stripping element that surrounds the fitting shoulder screws is provided for engaging round a fastening plate for the cutting element.

7. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein further comprising at least one guide surface between the stripping element and the guide element, the length of which surface can be selected as a function of the forces acting on the stripping device, in particular shearing and lateral forces, in order to ensure tilt-free guidance.

8. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 7, wherein the stripping element has an essentially straight section and a protruding section, and wherein the stripping device comprises guide surfaces being provided on the straight and the protruding sections of the stripping element.

9. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element has at least one guide surface on its inside facing a fitted cutting element, in particular the stem thereof, and/or the stripping element and the spring-elastic element are oriented, surrounding the cutting element, in such a manner that they can be loaded in a manner essentially free from torque.

10. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein a lubricant, in particular a solid lubricant, is provided at least in a subregion of the straight section.

11. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the guide element is formed integrally with the fastening piece or the guide element and the fastening piece are formed as elements which can be joined together.

12. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the spring-elastic element is arranged between the stripping element or the guide element and the cutting tool and/or within the guide element.

13. (Withdrawn) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein at least one protruding region and/or protruding section, in particular a claw- or clamp-shaped section, is or are provided on the circumference of the fastening piece for engaging around a fastening device of the cutting tool, in particular standardized fastening plate.

14. (Currently Amended) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the stripping element ~~can be provided or is provided with has a shape~~ front surface corresponding to the workpiece and consists, in particular, of bronze or another material which can be machined and matched to the shape of the workpiece surface.

15. (Original) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the spring-elastic element is a rubber spring or consists of another spring-elastic, restoring or flexible material.

16. (New) The stripping device as in claim 1, wherein the guide element comprises at least one guide bushing arranged within the stripping element and configured to guide the stripping element.

17. (New) The stripping device as in claim 7, wherein the forces are shearing and lateral forces.

18. (New) The stripping device as in claim 9, wherein the guide surface faces a stem of the fitted cutting element.

19. (New) The stripping device as in claim 14, wherein the front surface comprises bronze or another material which can be machined and matched to the shape of the workpiece surface.